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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER MULDOON
REF: WELLINGTON 1508

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED AN OFFICIAL VISIT FOR PRIME MINISTER MULDOON ON SEPTEMBER 15 OR 16. YOU MAY SO NOTIFY THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT. WE ARE WORKING OUT WITH PROTOCOL WHAT AN OFFICIAL VISIT WILL MEAN IN TERMS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. (FYI. THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY HERE ORIGINALLY ASSUMED THAT PROCEDURE FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT REMAINS WHAT IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY SO AND PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF RECENT VISITS HAVE VARIED CONSIDERABLY. WE HAVE SO INFORMED NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY.)

2. IN INFORMING THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE PM MULDOON YOU SHOULD EXPRESS PLEASURE THAT THE LATTER WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE PRESIDENT AND HIS TOP ADVISERS AND THEREBY ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESIDENT'S POLICIES. DURING
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THE CAMPAIGN AND SUBSEQUENTLY PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE CLEAR HIS COMMITMENT TO CERTAIN BASIC PRINCIPLES, PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE FULLY CONSONANT WITH THE BEST AMERICAN TRADITIONS AND WITH THE TEMPER OF THE TIME. HE IS DETERMINED TO MAKE GOOD ON THESE COMMITMENTS BOTH IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND THEIR

GOVERNMENT AND TO BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION OF POPULAR AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. FAILURE TO DO THIS IN THE PAST HAS HAD UNPLEASANT CONSEQUENCES AT HOME AND ABROAD.

3. AMONG THESE BASIC PRINCIPLES WITH GLOBAL APPLICABILITY ARE CONCERNS FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, TIGHTER LIMITATIONS UPON BOTH NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONRY, CLOSE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, AND THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY. THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION FOR BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND TO THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE RELATIONS WITH OUR TRADITIONAL ALLIES AROUND THE WORLD. NONE OF THESE COMMITMENTS ARE TAKEN LIGHTLY, ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE NEED TO ADJUST BROAD POLICIES TO PARTICULAR COUNTRIES AND SITUATIONS.

4. IF HE WISHES PM MULDOON WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW THESE PRINCIPLES PERSONALLY WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AS WELL AS US-NZ BILATERAL ISSUES AND U.S. POLICY TOWARD ASIA. THE LATTER IS AS STATED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE TO THE HIRC ON MARCH 10 AND AS SET FORTH IN STATE 066980.

5. THE VISIT MAY BE ANNOUNCED WHENEVER GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND WISHES.
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